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Committee Bill No. 431

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF ISSUES RELATED TO
ELECTRONIC TOLLS IN CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation
- 2 shall develop, within existing budgetary resources, an analysis
- 3 concerning the establishment of electronic tolls on Connecticut
- 4 highways at the state borders. Such analysis shall consider: (1) Toll
- 5 locations and collection methods that maximize revenue and increase
- 6 transportation system efficiency; (2) the short-term and long-term
- 7 impact of tolls on municipalities in close proximity to such tolls
- 8 resulting from traffic diversion to a parallel alternative route, including
- 9 traffic congestion, roadway safety, bicycle and pedestrian travel, air
- 10 pollution and noise; (3) federal constraints on the purposes for which
- 11 toll revenues may be expended that prevent the broad redistribution of
- 12 such revenue; (4) privacy issues related to the collection of personal
- 13 information in the implementation of electronic tolling and the
- 14 protection of data confidentiality; and (5) tax credits for Connecticut
- 15 residents and businesses that frequently leave and return to the state.
- 16 The Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a request to the

17 Attorney General for an opinion on legal impediments to the
 18 establishment of tolls presented by the Commerce Clause of the United
 19 States Constitution, or by federal or state law, and shall consult with
 20 the Federal Highway Administration concerning changes in federal
 21 law that would impact or prevent the implementation of electronic
 22 tolls. The commissioner shall submit the results of such analysis to the
 23 General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 24 of the general statutes, not later than June 30, 2010. Such analysis shall
 25 include (A) any impediments to the implementation of tolls identified
 26 by the commissioner, (B) the necessary steps and available options to
 27 address and, if possible, overcome such impediments, (C) a plan and
 28 timetable recommended by the department for the removal of such
 29 impediments, and (D) a plan and timetable for the establishment of
 30 such electronic tolls upon the resolution of such impediments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide the General Assembly with an analysis of the issues surrounding electronic tolls in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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